

REMARKS

The Application presently includes claims 1-58. Claims 7-12, 22-25, 37-42, 48-52, and 55 were withdrawn from consideration. Claim 32 was objected to. Claims 1-6, 13-21, 26-36, 43-47, 53-54, and 56-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 32 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, and requests that the Examiner withdraw the objections and rejections and pass the application to allowance.

Objection and Rejection of Claim 32:

Claim 32 was objected to and rejected under 35 USC 112 due to peculiar spacing. The present amendment corrects the spacing in the claim. Thus, Applicant requests that the objection and rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claim 1 recites , *inter alia*, "...wherein said card is removably adhered to the front surface of said carrier via a dry-release adhesive." Each of the independent claims, and thus all of the dependent claims through their respective dependency, include this limitation. The Examiner stated "dry release adhesive (58) is employed broadly as claimed." However, a dry release adhesive is not disclosed in this fashion in any of the cited references. Rather, a peelable adhesive is disclosed. The dry release adhesive prevents re-attachment of the card to the carrier if the assembly is tampered with. Hinkle and any other reference of record fails to teach or suggest this combination of elements. Furthermore, claims 2 and 3 indicate a particular pattern for applying the dry release adhesive. The references fail to address or suggest such a pattern as claimed.

With respect to claims 29-31 and 36, the claims include the limitation "a label adhered to the back surface..." None of the references cited address, teach, or suggest such a label. The label is claimed having a particular structure with advantageous features. The Office action does

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not address these claim elements, and they are not taught by the references of record.

Regarding claims 4, 16, 26-28, 32-34, 43-47, and 53-54, the Examiner cites Grotzner et al. as teaching the information disposed visible through a transparent layer. However, there is no motivation provided to combine this reference with any of the other references to arrive at the invention. One would not be led to add a transparent layer to protect against ambient damage in the invention as claimed, as this is not a purpose relevant to the invention. Rather, this claimed element has to do with the structure and method of manufacture of the present invention.

Therefore, for the reasons above, and in view of other claimed features not addressed by the Office action, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the application passed to issue.

Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment:

Applicant understands that the previous holding of abandonment has been withdrawn in view of the timely response by Applicant. Applicant requests that the Examiner acknowledge that the holding of abandonment was withdrawn and was due to Office error in the next Office action.

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Conclusion

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and seeks early indication of the same. If the Examiner requires further information with respect to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at (847) 537-3537 for a telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

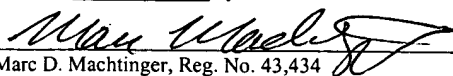
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